

I storngly support the limiting of the number of broadcast outlets that any one person or corparation can own. I believe that media ownership policies should support freedom of speech, promote diversity and localism, as well as foster fair economic competition. The charter of the Federal Communications Commission is to ensure that communications policy is managed for the public interest, and not merely for private profits. To that end, I am very concerned about proposals to relax media ownership limits.

While I support increasing business efficiency, I believe we must examine all the evidence to determine whether such relaxations serve the public's need for competing, objective and independent sources of information. Please be assured that I will keep your concerns in mind if the Senate considers legislation on this issue.